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5.	×		A public h	earing on	the budget wa	as held in	acc	cordance with	State statute.					
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If a local unit of government (authorities and commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is not included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, please enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.  I, the undersigned, certify that this statement is complete and accurate in all respects.									ne audited entity and is not me(s), address(es), and a					
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# Charter Township of Rutland Barry County, Michigan FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees Charter Township of Rutland, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Charter Township of Rutland, Michigan, as of December 31, 2007, and for the year then ended, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements, as listed in the contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Charter Township of Rutland, Michigan's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Charter Township of Rutland, Michigan, as of December 31, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The budgetary comparison information, on pages 21 - 25, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The Charter Township of Rutland, Michigan, has not presented the management's discussion and analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the financial statements.

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#### **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### Charter Township of Rutland STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

December 31, 2007

		rernmental ctivities		ess-type vities		Totals
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
Cash	\$	615,784	\$	200	\$	615,984
Receivables, net		454,271		-		454,271
Prepaid expenses		14,211		1,749		15,960
Total current assets		1,084,266		1,949		1,086,215
Noncurrent assets:						
Capital assets not being depreciated - land		110,522		-		110,522
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		290,537			_	290,537
Total noncurrent assets		401,059		-	_	401,059
Total assets	-	1,485,325	<del></del>	1,949	_	1,487,274
LIABULTICO						
LIABILITIES			•			
Current liabilities:		102 102				402 402
Payables Deferred revenue		102,103		-		102,103
Deletted levenue		491,080				491,080
Total current liabilities		593,183		_		593,183
						· · · · · ·
NET ASSETS						
Invested in capital assets		401,059		-		401,059
Restricted:						
Public safety		53,085		-		53,085
Public works		50,359		-		50,359
Unrestricted		387,639		1,949	_	389,588
	_				_	
Total net assets	<u>\$</u>	892,142	\$	1,949	<u>\$</u>	894,091

			Program Revenues						
	Expense		Charges for services		Operating grants and contributions		gra	Capital ants and tributions	
Functions/Programs	,								
Governmental activities:									
Legislative	\$	4,400	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
General government		309,822		43,560		-		61,939	
Public safety		161,063		-		-		-	
Public works		162,105		72,210		3,310		-	
Community and economic									
development		42,998		11,043		_		-	
Culture and recreation		188,584		-		<u>-</u>		<del></del>	
Total governmental									
activities		868,972		126,813		3,310		61,939	
Business-type activity:									
Building inspections		31,516	_	15,036		-			
Totals	\$	900,488	\$	141,849	\$	3,310	<u>\$</u>	61,939	

#### General revenues:

Taxes
State grants
Franchise fees
Investment income
Other
Transfers

Total general revenues

Change in net assets

Net assets - beginning

Net assets - ending

### Net (expenses) revenues and changes in net assets

/ernmental octivities	iness-type ctivities	<u>Totals</u>			
\$ (4,400) (204,323) (161,063) (86,585)		\$	(4,400) (204,323) (161,063) (86,585)		
 (31,955) (188,584)			(31,955) (188,584)		
 (676,910)		•	(676,910)		
	\$ (16,480)		(16,480)		
 (676,910)	 (16,480)		(693,390)		
403,341 249,465 1,816 26,114 287 (11,609)	- - - - - 11,609		403,341 249,465 1,816 26,114 287		
 669,414	 11,609		681,023		
(7,496)	(4,871)		(12,367)		
 899,638	 6,820		906,458		
\$ 892,142	\$ 1,949	\$	894,091		

ACCETO		_ @	General		Fire		ibrary
ASSETS Cash Receivables Prepaid expens	ees	\$	320,486 167,261 14,211	\$	171,000 89,032	<b>\$</b>	52,834 143,074 -
	Total assets	\$	501,958	<u>\$</u>	260,032	\$	195,908
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:							
Payables Deferred rev	/enue	\$	17,055 100,338	\$	85,048 121,899	\$	- 195,908
	Total liabilities		117,393		206,947		195,908
Fund balances: Unreserved Unreserved, reported in non major:			384,565		53,085		-
	evenue funds		-		<del>-</del>		
	Total fund balances		384,565		53,085		<u> </u>
	Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	501,958	\$	260,032	<u>\$</u>	195,908

Fund balances - total governmental funds

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net assets (page 4) are different because:

Capital assets used in *governmental activities* are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.

Net assets of governmental activities

	gonquin Weed	gov	onmajor ernmental funds	goı	Total /ernmental funds
\$	42,889 39,276	\$	28,575 15,628	\$	615,784 454,271 14,211
<u>\$</u>	82,165	<u>\$</u>	44,203	<u>\$</u>	1,084,266
\$	- 60,260	\$	- 20,428	\$	102,103 498,833
	60,260		20,428		600,936
	21,905		-		459,555
			23,775		23,775
	21,905		23,775		483,330
\$	82,165	\$	44,203	\$	1,084,266
				\$	483,330
					401,059
					7,753
				\$	892,142

### Charter Township of Rutland STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - governmental funds

Year ended December 31, 2007

		General		Fire		Library		gonquin Weed
REVENUES	æ	400.005	•	440 454	•	400 454	•	
Taxes	\$	138,635	\$	116,154	\$	188,454	\$	-
Licenses and permits		12,859		-		-		-
Federal grants		61,939 252,775		-		_		-
State grants Charges for services		2,658		=		-		-
Interest		21,214		3,281		-		-
Other		1,287		3,201		_		59,760
Other	_	1,201						00,700
Total revenues		491,367		119,435		188,454		59,760
EXPENDITURES								
Legislative		4,400		-		-		-
General government		295,686		_		_		-
Public safety		-		161,063		-		-
Public works		96,960		-		-		51,288
Community and economic development		42,998		-		=		-
Culture and recreation		-		-		188,584		-
Capital outlay		63,576	_		_			
Total expenditures		503,620		161,063		188,584		51,288
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		(12,253)		(41,628)		(130)		8,472
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):								
Transfers in		8,946		-		-		-
Transfers out		(12,809)		-				
Total other sources (uses)		(3,863)						<del>-</del>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		(16,116)		(41,628)		(130)		8,472
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING		400,681		94,713		130		13,433
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$	384,565	<u>\$</u>	53,085	<u>\$</u>	_	\$	21,905

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (page 5) are different because:

Capital assets:

Assets acquired Provision for depreciation

Changes in other assets/liabilities:

Net decrease in deferred revenue

Change in net assets of governmental activities

Nonmajor governmental funds	Total governmental funds
\$ - -	\$ 443,243 12,859
- - -	61,939 252,775 2,658
1,619 21,993	26,114 83,040
23,612	882,628
- -	4,400 295,686
12,593 -	161,063 160,841 42,998
-	188,584 63,576
12,593	917,148
11,019	(34,520)
1,200 (8,946)	10,146 (21,755)
(7,746)	(11,609)
3,273	(46,129)
20,502	529,459
\$ 23,775	\$ 483,330
	\$ (46,129)
	63,522 (15,346)
	(9,543)
	\$ (7,496)

#### Charter Township of Rutland STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - proprietary fund

December 31, 2007

ASSETS	Building Inspections
Cash Prepaid expenses	\$ 200 1,749
Total assets	1,949
NET ASSETS - unrestricted	\$ 1,949

#### Charter Township of Rutland STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS proprietary fund

	Building Inspections
OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for services - licenses and permits	<u>\$ 15,036</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	20.002
Salaries and fringe benefits Contracted services	20,992
	8,773
Office supplies and utilities	1,751
Total operating expenses	31,516
NET OPERATING LOSS	(16,480)
Transfer in - General Fund	11,609
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(4,871)
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING	6,820
NET ASSETS - ENDING	<u>\$ 1,949</u>

### Charter Township of Rutland STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - proprietary fund

		uilding pections
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Receipts from customers and users Payments to employees Payments to vendors and suppliers	\$	17,191 (20,992) (10,524)
Net cash used in operating activities		(14,325)
CASH FLOW FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES Transfer from General Fund		11,609
NET DECREASE IN CASH		(2,716)
CASH - BEGINNING		2,916
CASH - ENDING	\$	200
Reconciliation of change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities:	•	(40.400)
Change in net assets Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net	\$	(16,480)
cash used in operating activities:  Decrease in receivables		2,155
Net cash used in operating activities	\$	(14,325)

#### Charter Township of Rutland STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS - Agency Fund

December 31, 2007

Due to other governmental units

ASSETS Cash	<u>\$ 320,908</u>
LIABILITIES	

320,908

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accounting policies of the Charter Township of Rutland, Michigan (the Township), conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (hereinafter referred to as generally accepted accounting principles) as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

#### a) Reporting entity:

The accompanying financial statements present only the Township. There are no component units, entities for which the Township is considered to be financially accountable.

#### b) Government-wide and fund financial statements:

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the Township. The effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### c) Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation:

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources, measurement focus, and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources, measurement focus, and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available if they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Township generally considers revenues to be available if they are expected to be collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, expenditures relating to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

c) Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation (continued): State grants, licenses and permits, charges for services, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable only when cash is received by the government.

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Township, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes and state shared revenue.

The Fire Fund accounts for the financial resources used for the operational costs of the Township's fire protection contract. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes.

The Library Fund accounts for the Township's portion of the operational costs of Hastings Public Library. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes.

The Algonquin Weed Fund accounts for costs associated with aquatic weed control. Revenues are primarily derived from special assessments.

The Township reports a single proprietary fund, Building Inspections Fund, which accounts for operations (1) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (2) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Private-sector standards of accounting issued prior to December 1, 1989, are generally followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Governments also have the option of following subsequent private sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The Township has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector standards.

The Township reports a single fiduciary fund, Agency Fund, which accounts for assets held by the Township in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Amounts reported as program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

c) Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation (continued): Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the proprietary funds relate to charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for proprietary funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

- d) Assets, liabilities, and net assets or equity:
  - *i)* Bank deposits Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Pooled interest income is proportionately allocated to all funds.
  - *ii)* Receivables In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and the business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances." No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been recorded as the Township considers all receivables to be fully collectible.
  - *iii)* Prepaid items Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.
  - iv) Capital assets Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$1,000 (\$10,000 for infrastructure assets) and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Governments can elect to account for infrastructure assets either retroactively to June 15, 1980, or prospectively. The Township has elected to account for infrastructure assets prospectively, beginning January 1, 2004.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Land improvements 15 - 30 years
Buildings and improvements 15 - 60 years
Equipment 3 - 5 years
Roads 10 - 30 years

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

- d) Assets, liabilities, and net assets or equity (continued):
  - v) Deferred revenue In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with resources that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received but not yet earned.
  - vi) Fund equity In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.
  - vii) Property tax revenue recognition Property taxes are levied as of December 1 on property values assessed as of December 31 of the prior year. The billings are due on or before February 14, after which time the bill becomes delinquent and penalties and interest may be assessed by the Township. Property tax revenue is recognized in the year for which taxes have been levied and become available. The Township levy date is December 1, and, accordingly, the total levy is recognized as revenue in the subsequent year.

#### NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY:

Budgetary information - Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental funds. The budget document presents information by fund, function, and department. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body is the function level. All annual appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

The following schedule sets forth significant budget variations:

<u>Fund</u>	Function	Budget	_Actual_	Variance
General	Capital outlay	\$ 1,000	\$ 63,576	\$ (62,576)
	Other financing uses	-	12,809	(12,809)
Fire	Public safety	155,000	161,063	(6,063)
Library	Culture and recreation	186,519	188,584	(2,065)

#### NOTE 3 - CASH:

The Township's cash is as follows:

	vernmental activities	Business-type activities		<u>Fiduciary</u>	Total
Cash	\$ 615,784	\$	200	\$ 320,908	\$ 936,892

State statutes and the Township's investment policy authorize the Township to make deposits in the accounts of federally-insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations. The Township's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority.

#### NOTE 3 - CASH (Continued):

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the Township will not be able to recover its deposits. Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by federal depository insurance and are uncollateralized. At December 31, 2007, \$466,579 of the Township's bank balances of \$954,586 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

The Township believes that it is impractical to insure all bank deposits due to the amounts of the deposits and the limits of FDIC insurance. As a result, the Township evaluates each financial institution with which it deposits funds and assesses the risk level of each institution. Only the institutions with an acceptable estimated risk level are used as depositories.

#### NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES:

Receivables as of year end for the government's individual major and nonmajor funds, in the aggregate, are as follows:

Fund	Accounts		<i>F</i>	Property Taxes	Special assessments		Inter- govern- mental	_ Totals
Governmental activities:								
General	\$	9,450	\$	73,278	\$	-	\$84,533	\$ 167,261
Fire		-		89,032		-	-	89,032
Library		-		143,074		-	-	143,074
Algonquin Weed		-		-		39,276	-	39,276
Nonmajor governmental		-	_			15,628		15,628
Totals	\$	9,450	<u>\$</u>	305,384	\$	54,904	\$ 84,533	\$454,271

#### NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES:

The Township property taxes are levied on each December 1 on the taxable valuation of property (as defined by State statutes) located in the Township as of the preceding December 31.

Although the Township 2007 ad valorem tax is levied and collectible on December 1, 2007, it is the Township's policy to recognize revenues from the current tax levy in the subsequent year when the proceeds of this levy are budgeted and made "available" for the financing of operations.

#### NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES (Continued):

The 2007 taxable valuation of the Township totaled \$130,291,717, on which ad valorem taxes levied consisted of the following:

<u>Fund</u>	Millage rate	<u>Purpose</u>	Tax	xes raised
General	0.7624	Operating	\$	100,338
Fire	0.9260	Operating		121,899
Library	1.4885	Operating		195,908

These amounts are recognized in the financial statements as taxes receivable, with an offsetting credit to deferred revenue.

Taxes are considered delinquent on March 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year, at which time penalties and interest are assessed.

#### NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS:

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2007, was as follows:

	Beginning balance	Increases	_Decreases_	Ending balance	
Governmental activities:					
Capital assets not being depreciated - land	\$ 47,000	\$ 63,522	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 110,522</u>	
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Land improvements	15,201	-	-	15,201	
Buildings	353,462	-	_	353,462	
Equipment	68,787	-	_	68,787	
Infrastructure	25,270			25,270	
Subtotal	462,720			462,720	
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Land improvements	(3,412)	(740)	-	(4,152)	
Buildings	(95,651)	(8,803)	-	(104,454)	
Equipment	(56,405)	(4,539)	-	(60,944)	
Infrastructure	(1,369)	(1,264)		(2,633)	
Subtotal	(156,837)	(15,346)		(172,183)	
Total capital assets being					
depreciated, net	305,883	(15,346)		290,537	
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 352,883	<u>\$ 48,176</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$ 401,059	

### Charter Township of Rutland NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued):

Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the Township as follows:

Governmental activities:

General government \$14,082 Public works 1,264

Total <u>\$15,346</u>

#### NOTE 7 - PAYABLES:

Payables as of year end for the government's individual major and nonmajor funds, in the aggregate, are as follows:

Fu	_		 Customer deposits		Inter- governmental		Total	
General Fire		\$	6,669	\$ 5,811 -	\$	4,575 85,048	\$	17,055 85,048
	Total	\$	6,669	\$ 5,811	\$	89,623	<u>\$</u>	102,103

#### NOTE 8 - DEFERRED REVENUE:

As of December 31, 2007, the various components of deferred revenue are as follows:

	Property taxes Unearned		Special assessments					
Fund			Ur	nearned_	Una	vailable		Total
General	\$	100,338	\$	-	\$	-	\$	100,338
Fire		121,899		-		-		121,899
Library		195,908		-		-		195,908
Algonquin Weed		-		60,260		-		60,260
Other governmental				12,675		7,753		20,428
	<u>\$</u>	418,145	\$	72,935	\$	7,753	<u>\$</u>	498,833

#### NOTE 9 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS:

A summary of interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2007, is as follows:

Fund	Transfer in	Fund	Transfer out	
General	\$ 8,946	Road	\$ 8,946	
Building Inspection Street Lighting	11,609 1,200 12,809	General	12,809	
	\$ 21,755		\$ 21,755	

The transfer to the General Fund represents restricted revenues collected in the Road Fund to pay for operational costs of the public works functions accounted for in the General Fund.

The transfer to Building Inspection and Street Lighting funds consist of unrestricted funds to help finance operational costs.

#### NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased commercial insurance for each of these claims and is neither self-insured nor participates in a shared-risk pool. Settled claims relating to commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

#### NOTE 11 - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN:

The Township provides pension benefits for substantially all of its full-time employees through a defined contribution plan. The plan covers all elected officials and hourly employees (over 30 hours per week). In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan, plus investment earnings. Employees are eligible to participate from the date of employment. The Township contributes 20% of each qualified employee's base salary to the plan. The eligible employees may make a voluntary, non-deductible contribution up to a maximum of 5% of their annual compensation. The Township's contributions are fully vested immediately. The Township and eligible employees made the required contributions of \$21,884 and \$5,471, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2007.

The Township is not a trustee of the plan, nor is the Township responsible for investment management of plan assets.

### Charter Township of Rutland NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### NOTE 12 - JOINT VENTURE:

The Township, together with the Townships of Baltimore, Irving, Carlton, and Hastings, has established a joint fire department under the provisions of Public Act 33 of 1951 and Public Act 7 of 1967, known as the BIRCH Fire Association (the Association). Membership does not convey an economic interest. The Association's agreement provides that the department's activities are financed as follows:

Each Township shall pay an amount equal to an agreed millage rate which shall be identical for all Townships. Once the millage has been determined, the amount of money representing the millage in each Township can be raised by any means available to each Township and does not have to be spread upon the tax roll as an assessment.

The Township contributed \$161,063 to the Association as its share of expense during 2007.

#### REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### Charter Township of Rutland BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - General Fund

	Original budget	Amended budget	Actual	Variance favorable (unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 116,534	\$ 116,534	\$ 138,635	\$ 22,101
Licenses and permits	12,500	12,500	12,859	359
Federal grants	-	-	61,939	61,939
State grants	213,400	213,400	252,775	39,375
Charges for services	6,600	6,600	2,658	(3,942)
Fines and forfeitures	200	200	_	(200)
Interest	9,500	9,500	21,214	11,714
Other	4,200	4,200	1,287	(2,913)
Total revenues	362,934	362,934	491,367	128,433
EXPENDITURES				
Legislative	6,000	6,000	4,400	1,600
General government:				
Supervisor	31,300	31,300	31,327	(27)
Election	5,850	5,850	1,190	4,660
Assessor	45,000	45,000	44,231	769
Clerk	53,700	53,700	51,149	2,551
Board of review	1,615	1,615	837	778
Treasurer	33,825	33,825	30,919	2,906
Hall and grounds	19,450	19,450	19,651	(201)
Cemetery	13,200	13,200	12,492	708
Other	103,700	133,700	103,890	<u>29,810</u>
Total general government	307,640	337,640	295,686	41,954
Public works:				
Highways and streets	100,000	100,000	96,394	3,606
Street lights	500	500	566	(66)
Total public works	100,500	100,500	96,960	3,540
Community and economic development - planning and zoning	50,470	50,470	42,998	7,472
Capital outlay	1,000	1,000	63,576	(62,576)
Total expenditures	465,610	495,610	503,620	(8,010)

### Charter Township of Rutland BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - General Fund (Continued)

DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER	Original budget	Amended budget	Actual	Variance favorable (unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES	\$ (102,676)	\$ (132,676)	\$ (12,253)	\$ 120,423
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating transfer in - Road Fund		<u>-</u>	8,946	8,946
Operating transfers out: Street Lighting Fund Building Inspections Fund	-	<u>-</u>	(1,200) <u>(11,609</u> )	(1,200) (11,609)
Total operating transfers out			(12,809)	(12,809)
Total other financing sources (uses)			(16,672)	(16,672)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(102,676)	(132,676)	(28,925)	103,751
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	400,681	400,681	400,681	
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 298,005	\$ 268,005	\$ 371,756	\$ 103,751

### Charter Township of Rutland BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - Fire Fund

	Original budget	Amended budget	_Actual_	Variance favorable (unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Taxes Interest	\$ 116,034 2,500	\$ 116,034 2,500	\$ 116,154 3,281	\$ 120 781
Total revenues	118,534	118,534	119,435	901
EXPENDITURES Public safety	155,000	155,000	161,063	(6,063)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(36,466)	(36,466)	(41,628)	(5,162)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	94,713	94,713	94,713	
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 58,247	\$ 58,247	\$ 53,085	\$ (5,162)

### Charter Township of Rutland BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - Library Fund

	Original budget	Amended budget	Actual	Variance favorable (unfavorable)	
REVENUES Taxes	\$ 186,519	\$ 186,519	\$ 188,454	\$ 1,935	
EXPENDITURES Culture and recreation	186,519	186,519	188,584	(2,065)	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	-	(130)	(130)	
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	130	130	130	<u> </u>	
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 130</u>	\$ 130	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ (130)	

### Charter Township of Rutland BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - Algonquin Weed Fund

		riginal oudget		mended oudget		Actual	fav	riance vorable avorable)
REVENUES Other accessments	æ	59,700	æ	59,700	\$	59,760	\$	60
Other - assessments	\$	59,700	\$	59,700	Ф	59,760	Φ	60
EXPENDITURES  Dublin words		59,700		59,700		51,288		9 410
Public works		59,700		59,700		31,200		8,412
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		-		-		8,472		8,472
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u></u>	13,433		13,433		13,433		
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$</u>	13,433	\$	13,433	\$	21,905	\$	8,472

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### Charter Township of Rutland COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - nonmajor governmental funds

December 31, 2007

		Special revenue funds					
			Road		volving ovement	S	Sewer
ASSETS Cash Receivables		\$	1,193 7,753	\$ 	3,074	\$	5,389
	Total assets	\$	8,946	<u>\$</u>	3,074	\$	5,389
LIABILITIES A Liabilities: Deferred re	ND FUND BALANCE	\$	7,753	\$	-	\$	-
Fund balance: Unreserved	, undesignated		1,193		3,074		5,389
	Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	8,946	\$	3,074	\$	5,389

S	pecial rev					
Street Lighting		odunk Weed	Total			
\$	1,005 	\$ 17,914 7,875	\$	28,575 15,628		
\$	1,005	\$ 25,789	<u>\$</u>	44,203		
\$	-	\$ 12,675	\$	20,428		
	1,005	 13,114		23,775		
\$	1,005	\$ 25,789	\$	44,203		

## Charter Township of Rutland COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - nonmajor governmental funds

		Spe	ecial re	venue fui	ıds	
		Road	Revolving Improvement		Sewer	
REVENUES Interest Other	\$	- 9,543	\$	304	\$	1,315
Total revenues		9,543		304		1,315
EXPENDITURES Public works		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		9,543		304		1,315
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating transfer in Operating transfer out		- (8,946)		-		- -
Total other financing sources (uses)		(8,946)		-		
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES		597		304		1,315
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING		596		2,770		4,074
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$	1,193	\$	3,074	\$	5,389

S	pecial reve						
Street Lighting			Podunk Weed	Total			
\$	-	\$	- 12,450	\$	1,619 21,993		
			12,450		23,612		
<u>,</u>	789		11,804		12,593		
	(789)		646		11,019		
	1,200		<u>-</u>		1,200 (8,946)		
	1,200		-		(7,746)		
	411		646		3,273		
	594	***************************************	12,468		20,502		
\$	1,005	\$	13,114	\$	23,775		



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March 18, 2008

To the Board of Trustees Charter Township of Rutland

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Charter Township of Rutland for the year ended December 31, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated March 18, 2008. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated November 19, 2007, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

#### Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Charter Township of Rutland are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2007. We noted no transactions entered into by Charter Township of Rutland during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was capital asset depreciation.



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Management's estimate of the capital asset depreciation is based on the estimated useful lives of the Township's capital assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the capital asset depreciation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. Management has recorded all of our proposed audit adjustments.

#### Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter associated with the audits for the year ended December 31, 2007.

#### Other Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Charter Township of Rutland's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

#### Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### Communication Regarding Internal Control

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Charter Township of Rutland as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Charter

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Township of Rutland's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Our consideration of internal control included procedures to evaluate the design of controls relevant to an audit of financial statements and to determine whether they have been implemented, but it did not include procedures to test the operating effectiveness of controls, and accordingly, was not directed to discovering significant deficiencies in internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Policies and procedures over monthly bank reconciliations were not effective because necessary adjustments to the corresponding general ledger cash accounts were not identified and recorded. This is a recurring comment.

The Township has not implemented a system of controls to prepare financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, including procedures to achieve the objectives of recording revenue and expense accruals, the capitalization and depreciation of capital assets, and the presentation of financial statement disclosures. This is a recurring comment. The Township has determined that the additional benefits derived from implementing such a system would not outweigh the costs incurred to do so.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Rutland and the State of Michigan Department of Treasury and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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